

Rotary District 6780 News



District Leaders

Cindy A Gammons
District Governor

Ronald E. Appuhn
Vice District Governor

Alan N. Clark
DG-Elect

Susie Cantrell
DG-Nominee

Patricia S. Daughtrey
District Secretary

Jenifer Yaggi Campbell
District Treasurer

Norman C. Fontana
AG Coordinator

Ralph E. Best
Assistant District Governor

Deborah Lea Birdsall
Assistant District Governor

Montay Calloway
Assistant District Governor

David Curtis Chaffin
Assistant District Governor

Rob Dansereau
Assistant District Governor

Barry Doss
Assistant District Governor

John G Downs
Assistant District Governor

Debbie D. Farmer
Assistant District Governor

M. Janice Mitchell
Assistant District Governor

Teresa Musice
Assistant District Governor

David S Phillips
Assistant District Governor

Clifton (Randy) J. Randle
Assistant District Governor

Ronald E. Randle

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District Governor's July Message



The new Rotary Year has begun, and I'm looking forward to a great year as your District Governor. Please join me in thanking Vice District Governor Ron Appuhn for his outstanding leadership during this most difficult past year.

I want to thank all of the district leadership team who will be rolling off this year. You have made a huge impact in our district and I appreciate all that you have done. I would like to introduce some of the new team. Our District Governor-Elect is Alan Clark, a member of the Franklin County AM Club, where he is currently Past President and Executive Secretary. He is also a Past President of the Winchester Rotary Club. Alan

has served District 6780 in numerous positions.

Our 2021-22 District Governor Nominee is Susie Cantrell, a charter member of the Cookeville Sunset Club. She was Club President in 2016-17 and served an Assistant Governor in 2020-21. She was selected as the District's Rotarian of the Year in 2020.

Patty Daughtrey, a member of the Bearden Club, continues as District Secretary, and Jennifer Campbell, of the Oak Ridge Club, will continue as District Treasurer.

I have begun my club visits. So far, I have attended eight terrific Rotary meetings. I am enjoying the time I have been given to meet our wonderful Rotarians and see all of the great things their clubs are doing. I look forward to all of my club visits coming up.

Don't forget our Pack the Park for Polio ball game August 17. I have been practicing to throw out the first pitch. It will be a fun way for Rotarians to get together and raise money for Polio. You can contact John Downs or Greg Maciolek to obtain vouchers.

District 6780 Rotarians have a great opportunity coming up September 30 - October 3, 2021. We will be hosting the Zones 30-31 summit "Pathways to the Future" in Chattanooga. The summit is open to any Rotarian who would like to register. Read more about the summit in the story below. Rotary International President-Elect Jennifer Jones will speak at lunch on Friday, October 1. You can join her for lunch for a special price of just \$25. She is a wonderful speaker and you will not want to miss this. There will also be pre-conference sessions on Positive Peace and Diversity on Thursday, September 30. In addition, general sessions on Saturday will include Peace Projects and membership. You can participate in just the lunch or the entire conference. Don't miss out.

Welcome New District Governor Cindy Gammons!

District 6780 Rotarians welcomed 2021-22 Governor Cindy Gammons at the District Awards Celebration on June 19 at Webb School in Knoxville.

Cindy has been a member of the Lafayette Rotary Club since 2000. She served as President in 2011-12 and has served on many committees over the years.

Assistant District Governor
Amy Rudder
Assistant District Governor
David E. Sergeant
Assistant District Governor
Lynda C. Welty
Assistant District Governor

Cindy is a graduate of the District Leadership Academy and has worked at the district level for the past eight years, serving as an Assistant Governor for three years, and Assistant Governor Coordinator for two years. Additionally, she has served on the District Conference Planning Committee, currently serves on the Governor's Committee, and is a trainer for the Rotary Leadership Institute. Cindy also serves on the Zone 30-31 Rotary Conference Team, which is gearing up for **Pathways to the Future** in Chattanooga September 28-October 1, 2021.

A graduate of Middle Tennessee University, Cindy received her B.A. in the area of Instrumental Music, K-12. She was the band director and choral director at Macon County High School for nine years, during which she received her M.A. and E.Ds. from Tennessee Tech University in the area of school administration.

She was an elementary school principal for one year and then served as principal of Macon County High School for seven years. For the past 17 years, Cindy has served as the Federal Programs Director of Macon County where she oversees the entire Title program as well as other federal grants.

Cindy's pride and joy is her family. She has three wonderful children and six grandsons. Her daughter Meghan serves as a probation officer. Middle daughter Lauren works for the sheriff's department and has six-year-old twin boys, a four-year-old son and a 20-month-old son. Cindy's son, Jon, just finished his freshman year at Tennessee Tech University, where he is studying to be a teacher and hopes to coach football. Cindy also has three-year-old and one-year-old step-sons.

In her spare time Cindy is a huge sports enthusiast. She loves football and is an avid fan of both the UT Vols and the Tennessee Titans. For the past 20+ years she has been an avid runner and has run in over 14 half marathons in Nashville, Murfreesboro, Hendersonville, and Cincinnati, OH.

Cindy is a Paul Harris Fellow plus three and a member of the Bequest Society.

Pack the Park to End Polio Now on August 17



Our own District Governor Cindy Gammons will throw out the opening ball for the District 6780 11th Annual "Pack the Park to End Polio Now!" at 7:00 PM EDT on August 17 at the Smokies Stadium in Kodak. The game will feature the Tennessee Smokies against the Birmingham Barons.

Your \$12 donation will get a ticket voucher that includes \$6.00 in stadium credit for the purchase of food or souvenirs and lots of fun! And, \$5.50 from each ticket sold goes directly to help fight polio! See your Club President or Assistant Governor for tickets.

If you can't attend the game on August 17, your ticket voucher is good for any regular season home game for the remainder of the 2021 season.

Here are details on how it works:

For Rotarians who wish to pay for vouchers with checks, please make checks payable to your club. Then the club will issue a single check (no later than game day) for \$6.50 per ticket made payable to the Tennessee Smokies. This check can be turned in at the polio table near "will call" at the stadium on game day.

Ticket vouchers redeemed at the ballpark on game day will receive an admission ticket plus \$6.00 in stadium credit that can be used for concessions or at any vendor in the stadium. Vouchers redeemed at the Smokies Ticket Office after August 17 receive an admission ticket but not the stadium credit.

The \$5.50 donation to "Polio Plus" can be sent to Rotary International by your club. (Use Multiple Donor Form 094-EN, for individual club members to receive donor credit.)

Contact John Downs, District PolioPlus Chair, at 260-564-0059 or latigo57@yahoo.com with any questions.

People of Action: Get Inspired!



The Heart of America Zones 30-31 Virtual Leadership Seminars are a great opportunity for Rotary leaders to gain new ideas about Rotary leadership and to get inspired for the year ahead!

Seminar Schedule

Session 1: "Silver Linings; New Opportunities for Doing Rotary," Wednesday, July 28, 7:00 PM. Projects, fundraisers, and new meeting formats that

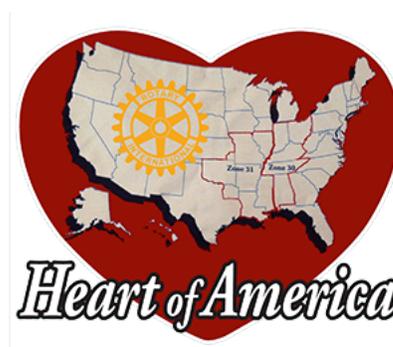
Rotarians developed during the pandemic that can be used in the future to expand our reach and increase our impact.

- **Session 2: "Sharing Miracles,"** Saturday, July 31, 10:00 AM. How sharing the stories of the impact of our projects in a media campaign can foster both giving to the Foundation and attracting new members to expand our reach.
- **Session 3: "Enhancing Members' Experience,"** Wednesday, August 4, 7:00 PM. Creating experiences and fostering environments in which members and prospective members feel welcomed and engaged to enhance participant engagement.
- **Session 4: "Innovative New Club Fair,"** Saturday, August 7, 10:00 AM. A networking opportunity to share district and club successes of innovative new club models to expand our reach and enhance participant engagement.

Each seminar is 90 minutes long, and registration for each is required to receive the Zoom link. Recordings of the seminars will be posted on the Zones 30-31 website.

Register at this website: <https://www.rizones30-31.org/events/virtual-summer-leadership-seminars/>.

They're Saving a Seat for You in Rotary's Future



Get ready for a Rotary homecoming with current and future district and club leaders from 13 states and 31 districts! Reconnect with old friends and meet new people - the friends of your future. Generate new ideas in new ways in an environment that encourages open-minded-thinking!

All this at the 2021 Zone Conference: "Pathways to the Future" set for September 30-October 3 at the Chattanooga Convention Center.

An outstanding lineup of speakers promises to provide lots of information and food for thought. They include Rotary International President-Elect Jennifer Jones, The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair John Germ, Zone 30-31 Director Elizabeth Usovicz, "The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind" William Kamkwamba, Nobel Peace Prize Recipient Human Rights Advocate Jody Williams, and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Stephanie Sinclair.

For the complete program schedule along with information about speakers, the venue, and accommodations, go to the Zone 30-31 website at www.rizones30-31.org/institute/rotary-summit-2021/. You may also register at the website.

Rotary International Issues Updated Statement on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Last month Rotary International issued the following updated statement, which strengthens our commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

At Rotary, we understand that cultivating a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture is essential to realizing our vision of a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change.

We value diversity and celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds, across age, ethnicity, race, color, disability, learning style, religion, faith, socioeconomic status, culture, marital status, languages spoken, sex, sexual

orientation, and gender identity as well as differences in ideas, thoughts, values, and beliefs.

Recognizing that individuals from certain groups have historically experienced barriers to membership, participation, and leadership, we commit to advancing equity in all aspects of Rotary, including in our community partnerships, so that each person has the necessary access to resources, opportunities, networks, and support to thrive.

We believe that all people hold visible and invisible qualities that inherently make them unique, and we strive to create an inclusive culture where each person knows they are valued and belong.

In line with our value of integrity, we are committed to being honest and transparent about where we are in our DEI journey as an organization, and to continuing to learn and do better.

"Serve to Change Lives" Is 2021-22 Rotary Theme



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Each year incoming Rotary International President announces the theme for the next Rotary year at the International Assembly, an annual training event for incoming leaders. President-Elect Shekhar Mehta unveiled the annual Presidential theme for the Rotary year 2021-22 during the first ever virtual International Assembly. "Serve to Change Lives" highlights the central motivation of Rotarians to make a difference through their service.

Announcing the Presidential Theme of "**Serve to Change Lives**", President-Elect Mehta, a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, demonstrated the strong history and sense of service that he personally brings to the role, which

reflects the extent to which service is a key motivator for the 1.2 million Rotarians around the world. He cited moving stories of how people's lives have been changed by Rotary.

Presenting the theme, President-Elect Shekhar said that "Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on this earth." His initiatives to "Grow More to Do More" and the membership drive of "Each One Bring One" all align with Rotary's action plan and goals.

If you would like to see how you can serve to change lives, contact service@rotary.org.mt. As President-Elect Shekhar says, "the more we are, the more we can do."

Harriman Club Hosts Luau Night



Get out your Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts and join members of the Harriman Club for a fun night on Saturday, July 24, when they present their Family Luau Night Fundraiser at David Webb Riverfront Park in Harriman. Dress is casual, grass skirts are optional!

The event is family friendly and open to the public. Adult tickets are \$12 each and tickets for children ages 6 to 17 are \$8 each. Admission is free for children five and under. Admission includes a Polynesian inspired dinner and show. Dinner begins at 6:00 PM and entertainment at 7:00 PM.

The David Webb Riverfront Park is at 301 Emory Drive. It lies along the banks of the Emory River in downtown Harriman.

Tickets may be purchased online via Eventbrite from the Club's Facebook page or in person at the following locations: Harriman Utility Board, Michael Dunn Center, United Way of Roane County, Edward Jones Financial (Deric Runge), or Coldwell Banker

(Kingston).

Proceeds from the fundraiser will help support the Michael Dunn Center's Early Intervention program.

Fairfield Glade Holds Reverse Raffle



The Fairfield Glade Rotary Foundation is hosting a reverse raffle drawing to be held on July 28. Tickets are \$50 each, and only 500 tickets will be sold.

Three prizes will be given. The first prize is a two-year lease of a 2021 Buick Encore from Dave Kirk Automotive in Crossville, or the winner may opt for a \$6000 cash award in lieu of the car lease.

Second Prize is replacement installation of a home heating and cooling system (heat pump or gas) or a cash option of \$3000.

And, the Third Prize is a tasing and dinner evening for up to eight people at Community Table. It includes tapas/small plates created to pair with select wines. The winner will arrange a time and date for the event within 45 days of the drawing, with the Community Table and Total Wine in Knoxville. Or, the winner may choose a cash option of \$1000.

The drawing will be held at Wildwood Stables, 1450 Westchester Drive, Fairfield Glade, on Wednesday, July 28. The event will begin at 3:00 PM with a barbecue, music, and refreshments, and ticket drawing for the reverse raffle will begin at 5:00 PM. The entry form accompanying tickets must be received by 3:00 PM the day of the drawing to be eligible. Winners do not have to be present to win.

Tickets will be available at from Dan Elliott at dhelliott3@comcast.net or 847-721-6835. Contact Dennis Hall at dennishall@icloud.com or 563-343-6344 for more information.

The net proceeds from the fundraiser are designated for scholarships for Cumberland County students.

Rotary International Insurance News



Clubs are receiving their semi-annual dues invoices from Rotary International (RI). The new insurance rates include a credit for good loss history, mostly because the pandemic prevented clubs and districts from doing as many things as we normally would do. However, the insurance company actuaries who make up the rates considered certain facts:

1. The RI insurance policy provides coverage for 7,528 clubs and 150 districts;
2. Large sex abuse settlements have been paid out on behalf of other organizations (Boy Scouts \$650 million; USC \$1.1 billion) and Rotary clubs/districts offer a variety of youth activities/programs;
3. Social factors (more accountability) have resulted in an increase in lawsuits; and
4. Increases in storm activity and pandemic losses. Before the credit was applied, rates for General Liability increased 23-26%, and rates for D & O and Employment Practices Liability increased over 25%.

RI strongly suggests that clubs and districts adopt the youth protection policies set forth in the Rotary Youth Protection Guide for any activities involving youth. This is essential to maintaining the broad insurance coverage that has historically been available under the Program. The guide can be found on the RI website, or e-mail me and I will send you a copy.

Please call or e-mail District Insurance Representative Cyndi Jeffers (865- 679-4668 or dcjeffers1@gmail.com) if you have any questions concerning the RI insurance program.

Rotary Youth Exchange Changes Lives

District Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange Chair Bill Nichols has asked several former Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) alumni to describe how the experience affected their careers and their lives.



Doug Slater wrote about how valuable his knowledge of the German language has been in his personal and professional life. After returning from his year in Germany in 2008, he spent six years at the University of Tennessee Knoxville and earned a Bachelor's in Computer Science in 2013 and Master's in Computer Science in 2014.

His knowledge of German allowed him to have an eight-month internship with BMW Group, the car company, at their IT center in Munich, and in 2014, while working for Provision in Knoxville, he spent six weeks in Salzburg, Austria on a software project.

Doug wrote, "Currently I work for a Swedish company, RaySearch Americas, developing software for radiation therapy - software that treats cancer with high-energy particles such as photons, protons, and carbon ions. In May 2021 I spent a week in Vienna, Austria testing our software at a customer's clinic site. I just returned for a second 10-day trip at the same customer. Like my previous experiences, English would have worked, but I would not have been able to connect on a personal level with our customer without German." [Read More](#)